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- 25X1 1. The airfield is located at the northwestern edge of Polotsk (55°30'N/28°47'E), Belorussian SSR, between the road to Daugavpils (55°53'N/26°31'E) and the Daugava River. A northeast-southwest runway was definitely identified. Buildings, which were possibly hangars and billets were along the entire northeastern side of the field.
- 25X1 2. About 20 to 30 transport aircraft were stationed at the field. Twenty-one men would jump in rapid succession from these craft at various places in the vicinity of Polotsk. There was also night flying.
- 25X1 3. Parachute training was also conducted in a tent camp located in a woods about 35 km northwest of Polotsk, north of the Polotsk-Daugavpils road. The camp was spread over an area about 4 km square. [redacted] this camp was occupied in both summer and winter. The parachute jumps were made with a standard parachute from a captive balloon moored at an altitude of 300 to 400 meters, two trainees jumping at the same time. The number of trainees, who were believed to have worn different service colors, was estimated at about 500 men. Some of the trainees wore the parachute badge.

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